

LEISHMANIASIS

(leash-muh-nigh-uh-sis)

- Caused by parasite obtained from sand fly bites
 - Increased risk from dusk to dawn
- Symptoms
 - Skin (cutaneous) form - sores on skin or in nose, mouth, and throat
 - Internal form - fever, substantial weight loss, anemia, swelling of the spleen and liver and possibly death
- Countermeasures
 - Prevent sand fly bites
 - Use the DOD Insect Repellent System
 - Sleep under a permethrin treated bed net



Sand flies may be hard to see as they are very small - only about one-third the size of typical mosquitoes.